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**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 26 and 27 will be pending in this application.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Terra Gibbs for her thoroughness and courtesy during the interview on April 19, 2005.

Applicants acknowledge the Office Action's remark regarding the European Search Report, and will file a supplemental information disclosure statement.

Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 98/49348 (hereinafter "the Dean reference"). Applicants respectfully disagree, and assert that the Dean reference cannot anticipate the claims, because the Dean reference does not teach all the elements in each of these claims. For example, claims 26 and 27 recite a multi-particulate formulation comprising a "plurality of carrier particles". Examples of these carrier particles are disclosed at, for example, page 3-5 of the specification. The Dean reference does not teach or even suggest a formulation comprising a plurality of carrier particles. Accordingly, the Dean reference cannot anticipate the present claims.

Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 97/25339 (hereinafter "the Lockett reference"). Applicants respectfully disagree, and assert that the Lockett reference cannot anticipate the claims, because the Lockett reference does not teach all the elements in each of these claims. For example, claims 26 and 27 recite a multi-particulate formulation comprising a "plurality of carrier particles". The Lockett reference does not teach or even suggest a formulation comprising a plurality of carrier particles. Accordingly, the Lockett reference cannot anticipate the present claims.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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